

## RICH ARKANSAS MAN SHOT BY SON DIES OF WOUNDS

**B. F. Biggers, Owner of 16,000 Acres, Mortally Shot by Son George.**

### SON KILLED SELF AFTER WOUNDING HIS FATHER

**Quarrel Over Son's Discharge Cause of Double Killing.**

B. F. Biggers of Biggers, Ark., one of the wealthiest landowners of Arkansas, died yesterday morning at his home, of the wound inflicted last Friday morning by his son, George, who in turn killed himself by shooting a bullet through the right temple. The funeral of Mr. Biggers, who was well known in Southeast Missouri, will be held this afternoon near Pocahontas, Ark., where the son was buried yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Biggers, after whom the town was named, in which he and his family reside, was past 60 years of age. He leaves his widow and several grown children. He was considered one of the largest real estate owners and farmers of Arkansas.

The double killing, The Tribune was informed last night, was the result of a quarrel the father had with his son Tuesday evening. His son, George, the youngest of his children, had been managing his father's farm. Tuesday evening the father discharged his son from the management of the place.

Young Biggers left the farm threatening his father at that time. Early Thursday morning he met his father in one of his store on the main business street and demanded to be taken back. The son renewed the quarrel when the father asked him about a missing harrow, and during the altercation drew a revolver and fired two shots at his father, both of which took effect in the back, penetrating the abdomen. The witnesses say the son fired at his father while he was running away.

The elder son, Thomas, started toward his brother when he saw him draw the weapon, but fled when George began to fire. The latter realizing what he did, ran into the warehouse adjoining the store and turned the weapon against his head firing one bullet into his right temple. He fell to the ground and expired immediately. The father was taken to his home. Owing to the delay in getting a physician the wounded man suffered considerably from the profuse loss of blood. Sunday evening he elapsed into unconsciousness and died yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock.

An operation performed Friday morning failed to enhance the chances of recovery for the aged man. The X-ray examination revealed that Mr. Biggers had been shot through the liver and stomach.

Mr. Biggers owned the entire town named after him with a population of about 1200. He was the moving spirit of many large enterprises in Northern Arkansas and was looked upon as the most progressive farmer of the State. Besides his farm of 16,000 acres, he owned numerous residences and every store building in Biggers. His wealth is variously estimated at several millions of dollars.

## BOY SCOUTS WILL CULTIVATE LOTS

**Plans for New Move to be Framed Tonight—Lots to be Converted into Gardens.**

Plans for the cultivation of the vacant lots in the city by the Boy Scouts will be worked out at a meeting which will be held tonight at the Commercial Club. The movement was suggested by several business men of the city and City Attorney Bain, Scoutmaster of the two troops of Boy Scouts which were recently organized, has been called upon to carry out the plans.

Those who are behind the movement believe that the work will not only be instructive for the boys but also help to increase the production of vegetables. A list of the vacant lots in the city will be furnished Mr. Bain who will divide the scouts into divisions to cultivate the lots in the various sections of the city.

More definite plans will be arranged tonight. Several experienced men of the city will meet with the Boy Scouts tonight and give them instructions in

## HUMANE SOCIETY ESTABLISHES A JUNIOR BRANCH

**Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon to Arrange Contest for Children.**

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ADOPTED

**Board of Directors Named—Men to be Urged to Join New Society.**

A junior branch of the Humane Society was established yesterday afternoon at a meeting held by the members at the Commercial Club. The new branch will be composed of children of all ages, and will be conducted under the supervision of an older member of the society. It will have its own officers, who will be elected by the members of the junior branch of the society which will be known as "Band of Mercy."

A committee composed of Mesdames A. R. Zoelsmann, as chairman, E. G. Gramling and Frank Doeden, was named by the president of the Humane Society, Mrs. Ed Johnston, to make the arrangements for a contest to be held in the near future among the school children to arouse interest among the little ones in caring for dumb animals and protecting them from mistreatment.

The children participating in this contest will be required to write essays on domestic animals and their ways of living and their usefulness to the owners. The committee will pass on the essays and award the prizes accordingly. One lady who requested to withhold her name had donated \$10 for the contest with which to purchase the prizes for the winners.

The meeting was called principally for the permanent organization of the Humane Society which was organized several months ago by a number of society ladies. Mrs. Ed Johnston was elected president and Mrs. M. J. Koeck, secretary of the society. The following members were chosen directors of the society: Mesdames E. G. Gramling, W. S. Dearmont, George W. Patton, Julien H. Friant and James A. Barks.

The officers and the board of directors were given the power to elect the treasurer before the next meeting.

Following the election of the officers and the board of directors, the constitution and the by-laws were read and approved by the members. The main object of the society is to afford the dumb animals protection against mistreatment in any way and to prosecute the owners who violate the city ordinance enacted against mistreatment of animals.

Efforts will be made to obtain the memberships of prominent men of the city for the new society. A number of men have already joined the Humane Society.

Those who attended the meeting were: Mesdames E. Johnston, M. J. Koeck, W. S. Dearmont, James A. Barks, E. G. Gramling, Julien H. Friant, George W. Patton, A. R. Zoelsmann, Frank Doeden, John Meyers, R. H. Schultz, and Miss Winifred Johnson.

The cultivation of land. It is planned to have an experienced man to take charge of each division of Boy Scouts and have these work under his supervision.

The Boy Scouts were organized three weeks ago. The old troop which was disbanded several years ago was re-established, and a second, composed of younger boys was re-organized with about 50 members. New applicants will be received tonight.

## CHARLESTON MAN DIES SUDDENLY

**James Loomis Stricken With Heart Failure—Funeral Today.**

News of the death of James Loomis, a well known traveling salesman of Charleston, was sent to his friends in the Cape yesterday morning. Mr. Loomis died suddenly yesterday morning shortly after he had arisen at the usual hour. A physician who was summoned found that his death was caused by a heart stroke.

Mr. Loomis represented a Chicago firm for several years. He was well known among the merchants of the Cape, where he made his regular trip twice a month. A number of business

## NEW PARKWAY TO BE ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL

**Street and Wharf Committee Met Yesterday Evening With Property Owners.**

### PROPOSITION TO BE REPORTED FAVORABLY

**Work Will be Begun Immediately After Passage of Bill.**

The proposed parkway leading from the intersection of Normal and Fountain along Missouri Park to Main street was approved in the meeting of the Street and Wharf Committee of the City Council held yesterday evening at the Courthouse. A number of property owners who are urging the establishment of this parkway appeared and discussed the plans for the new thoroughfare.

The property owners along the proposed parkway are exceedingly anxious to have it constructed and therefore agreed last night to waive all preliminary proceedings such as claims for damages in order to have the street constructed as soon as possible. City Engineer Stiver will furnish the council with an estimate of the cost of the construction of the new thoroughfare and also the necessary plans and specifications for the work.

Upon advice of the City Engineer the original grade was reduced from 7 to about 6 per cent. The parkway will begin a little east of the intersection of Normal and Fountain street and continue to Main street. It has been pointed out by those who are advocating the new thoroughfare that it will give a connection with the business section and the northwest of the city, which is badly needed.

It was decided last night to establish a road for the present before having the parkway paved or otherwise improved. It is necessary to let the ground settle before a surface paving be laid on the original dirt road.

It is believed by the property owners that the City Council will act favorably on the proposition at the next meeting, inasmuch as the Street and Wharf Committee was unanimously for the parkway, although the city will be required to pay a part of the costs of the improvement.

The matter was laid before the City Council at the last meeting Monday night by a number of property owners in the north and northwest section of the city. Each one related the necessity of the proposed thoroughfare and urged the council to heed the request of the citizens. A petition signed by a number of citizens and by nearly all the employees of the shoe factory was submitted to the City Council together with the plans for the proposed parkway.

It was pointed out that although the city would be called upon to pay part of the improvements, the city would soon be repaid by the increased value of the property along the new street. Besides this amount would not be more than \$200 collectible in five equal installments.

The report of the Street and Wharf Committee will be read at the next council meeting. All preliminary formalities will be eliminated, allowing the council to ask for bids for the improvement immediately after the ordinance has been passed.

Those who appeared before the Street Committee last night were: Ed Regenhart, B. C. Hardesty and E. E. English, the latter representing the Ranney heirs who own considerable real estate along the proposed parkway.

### GROWING HOGS

For a hog to be profitable he must be kept growing from birth to marketing age. He cannot be profitable unless he is healthy. He can always be in a profit-producing condition if he is fed B. A. Thomas' Hog Powder. We positively tell you that this remedy prevents cholera, removes worms and cures thumps. If the powder does not make good, we will.

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and traveling salesmen of the city will attend the funeral which will be held Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Loomis leaves his wife and several children who were at home when his death came. He had been in the best of health, and did not complain till yesterday morning after he arose. He was seized with a fainting spell and soon became unconscious. When the physician reached his side, Mr. Loomis had expired.

## STREET SWEEPER CAUSES MANY COMPLAINTS

**Two Members of Council Street Committee Favor Abandoning Sweeper.**

### MERCHANTS WANT THE STREETS SPRINKLED

**Street Cleaners Probably to be Reinstated—Apparatus too Expensive.**

The numerous complaints made by the business men and other residents of the city against the use of the street sweeper will probably cause the City Council to take up the matter at the next meeting Monday night and have the apparatus removed from the streets. The mechanical sweeper was put in operation at the suggestion of Street Commissioner Brunke, and upon the recommendation of the Street and Wharf Committee of the City Council, after the old street cleaners had been dismissed from the employ of the city.

When the Street Commissioner appeared before the City Council a month ago, asking for the authority to use the sweeper and dismiss the men employed to clean the streets, it was pointed out by those who advocated the new system that it would save the city about \$100 a month. Four of the street cleaners were discharged, while two were retained on the streets because it was found to be impossible to cover the entire city with the sweeping apparatus.

The many complaints about the dust and filth whirled up by the sweeper has caused two of the members of the Street and Wharf Committee of the City Council to change their view in this proposition and both said last night that they were in favor of going back to the old system and re-employ the street cleaners. These two are Henry Brunke and Ben Vinyard, while the third member of the committee, Dr. C. E. Schuchert, stands pat on the new system of cleaning the streets.

Both Vinyard and Brunke said last night that they had been approached by many citizens who were bitterly opposed to the sweeper because the streets were swept while dry. Housewives and business men especially have suffered more under the consequences of the dry sweeping system than the other citizens. Some of the merchants along Broadway complained that their stock sometimes was covered with dust that they could write plainly on their wares and would have to dust them every morning before they could display them for sale.

Street Commissioner Brunke, who favored the new system, said last night that the city had saved about \$7 since the street sweeper has been used, and said that the amount of the saving for the city would increase the longer the sweeper was used. He hires a team and a driver, he said at \$4 a day and an additional man to help operate the apparatus and sweep the dust aside into the gutter. This expense amounts to \$5.50 every day exclusive of the salary paid the two street cleaners who were retained.

Councilman Vinyard said he would be in favor of continuing to operate the apparatus if the streets were sprinkled before the sweeper is used. Many citizens have expressed the same opinion. Mayor Hirsch, when asked about the matter yesterday by a reporter for The Tribune, said it would be too expensive for the city to buy a sprinkling wagon intimating that the wish of the people could not be carried out.

## MISS SCHULTZ AND FRIENDS IN ACCIDENT

Miss Celeste Schultz and two friends were badly shaken up in an accident Friday evening at the intersection of Pacific street and Broadway, when the machine in which the three were riding was struck by an east bound street car. None of the occupants of the machine was hurt, and the automobile was only slightly damaged.

Miss Schultz was driving her car north on Pacific street, accompanied by Mrs. Norman Hely and Mrs. Heary Taylor. When the machine approached Broadway, Miss Schultz slowed up to let an automobile going in the same direction as the street car pass.

The motorman, Miss Schultz said, failed to ring his bell. Her view had been obstructed by the other automobile and she did not see the street car until it was too late to avoid the accident.

## OFFICER TELLS OF ATTACK BY MEXICAN SNIPERS

**Capt. Goetz and His Corporal Fired Upon When Patrolling Border Near El Paso**

### CAPE MAN IN CHARGE OF PA. TRAINING CAMP

**Will Depart Today to Begin Training Guardsmen of Pennsylvania.**

The story of his first experience in actual warfare was told yesterday by Capt. R. C. Goetz, who is spending a short visit with his parents on South Sprigg street, preparatory to his departure for Wilkesbarre, Pa., to take charge of the training of national guardsmen. While patrolling the Mexican border, near El Paso, Tex., in company with a corporal of his regiment, a volley of bullets were fired at the Captain and his corporal by Mexican snipers from a very close distance.

Capt. Goetz has been transferred to the field artillery several weeks ago and has been given charge of the training of the Third Pennsylvania Field Artillery which is a permanent charge. He arrived here yesterday afternoon on his way from El Paso where he has been on duty since early last winter, to the camp near Wilkesbarre. He departs this afternoon.

Capt. Goetz said yesterday that orders had been issued to recruit the field artillery to war strength as soon as possible and that for this reason many infantry regiments had been converted into artillery regiments. In his opinion the field artillery will be called upon as the main contingency of the army to be sent to the European battlefields, and for that reason that branch of the army besides the engineering corps is given more attention than either the infantry or the cavalry.

The officer spent a four weeks' furlough with his parents last winter after returning from Panama and at the expiration of the furlough was sent back to his original regiment which has been stationed in El Paso for some time. The regiment has been sent to the field artillery service.

In relating the story of the attack made by several Mexicans on him and his corporal, Capt. Goetz said that the Mexicans were poor marksmen and were lacking the proper equipment. "It was one Sunday morning," the Captain said, "when my corporal and myself were patrolling the Rio Grande, near El Paso. As we reached some trees along the bank of the river, we heard several bullets whistle past our heads."

"We immediately dismounted and sought shelter behind some irrigation ditches, and returned the fire. We saw three or four Mexicans stretched out on the ground covered by several trees pointing their rifles at us and the camp near the place where we had left our horses. When we returned the fire they fled like deer."

## NORMAL STUDENT 16 ENLISTS IN ARMY

**Paul Halliwell to Join Meeier—4 Others Enlisted Yesterday.**

Paul Halliwell, 16 years old, a student of the Normal, is one of the five recruits who were enlisted yesterday by Sergeant O'Rourke for services in the United States army. The young recruit comes from Bethlehem, Pa., and has been attending the Normal for two years. He wants to join the medical corps of the army.

Four other young men applied yesterday for enlistment in the army at the local recruiting station, bringing the total of enlistments during the week to 16. They are William S. Howard, 22 years old, of Shawneetown; Homer L. Badgett, 19, of Chaffee; Marvin Burton, 21, of Cape Girardeau; and Ralph Brown, 24, of Thebes, Ill. Burton has been a school teacher in the rural schools of Cape Girardeau County. He asked to be assigned to the hospital corps of the army.

Halliwell is the youngest recruit accepted at the local recruiting station. He just completed his sixteenth year several days ago, and is ready to join the army as soon as the school term expires.

## SCOTT COUNTY BOND ELECTION IS CALLED OFF

**2,300 Signed Remonstrance Against \$800,000 Bonds**

### SECOND VICTORY OF TRIBUNE IS SCORED

**County Court Recinded Order For Bond Election, Set For May 17**

The special election of the \$800,000 good road bond issue, which was set for May 17, was called off by the County Court sitting at Benton, when the business men and farmers presented a remonstrance containing the signatures of more than 2300 voters of Scott County. The opposition to the bond issue was started by The Tribune, and soon spread to every township in the county.

Secretary McKibbin, of the State Highway Commission, was sent to Scott County in an effort to head off The Tribune's work. He made speeches in various sections of the county in favor of the bond issue. County Surveyor Murray also stumped the county in behalf of the bond issue grab.

The opposition to the scheme was led by William T. Tanner of Sikeston, W. H. Heisserer of Benton and John Dohogne of Kelso. They induced other influential men in each township to make a canvass among the voters. John Dohogne obtained 150 signatures in the immediate vicinity of Kelso, and Tenner and Heisserer simply swamped the court with names of people who were opposed to the project.

When the County Court convened to hear arguments for and against the remonstrance, McKibbin, chief spouter for the scheme, was on hand to deliver a Patrick Henry oration. After he finished his address the County Court took a look at the names.

The opponents of the bond issue maintained that the petition asking for the special election bore names of many who were not bona fide signers, and Prosecuting Attorney Blanton was called in to give his opinion as to who could be termed a qualified signer. He contended that those whose names appeared on the tax lists of Scott County could sign the petition. The tax books were brought into court to compare the names on the petition and the books, and it was found that the required number of signatures was lacking. A total of 200 signatures was necessary to make the petition for the special election valid.

The advocates of the bonds declared after the failure of the proposition that they were not discouraged by the outcome, and would renew the fight for the bonds. Nearly every farmer in Scott County has opposed the issue of the bonds, mainly because of the great increase of the tax rate and the unsatisfactory manner in which the improvement of the roads had been planned.

It was figured that it would cost the taxpayers of Scott County approximately \$1,600,000 to redeem the bonds and pay the interest of the \$800,000. Besides the taxpayer whose road would not be improved would share the burden of the expense as well as the man who would have derived a benefit from the issue of the bonds.

The defeat of the bond issue was largely due to the fight waged against the proposition by The Tribune. Numerous letters were received during the past weeks by wealthy and influential farmers of Scott County, setting forth the unjust levy contemplated by the road bonds advocates and asking to oppose the issue.

The attempt made to burden Cape Girardeau in a similar manner was frustrated in the same manner as in Scott County. A campaign was started after the County Court had set a date for the special election, but called off when it became apparent that the bond issue would meet with a disastrous defeat.

WANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale; state cash price, full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Nicholas S. Weiler, deceased, that I, the undersigned, intend to make final settlement of the estate of said deceased at the next term of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, to be held at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, beginning on the 28th day of May, 1917.  
Nancy O. Weiler,  
Administratrix.

## WORK IN CAMP AT FORT RILEY, KAN. BEGAN TUESDAY

**Officers' Reserve Corps Must Train Thirty-eight Hours Every Week.**

### CAMP HAS NEARLY 1,800 MEN OF REQUIRED 2,500

**Others May be Called in Short Time—Several Boys in Training Camp.**

The training of young men who were admitted to the camp of the Officers' Reserve Corps in Fort Riley, was begun yesterday morning after Capt. T. R. Rivers, the commandant of the camp, had issued his orders for the instruction of the new men. There will be 38 hours of work for five days of each week, leaving Saturday open and allowing time for the home of the equipment.

During the three months' training the schedule calls for eight hours a day in the open and from one to two hours in the classroom. The first week the men will be given a general training in order to prepare them for long marches and more strenuous exercises.

Beginning next week three practice marches will be held, each of one hour's duration. Later these marches will be extended to two and a half hours. Setting up exercises and other physical drill will take up at least an hour and a half each day, another hour will be spent in the school of soldier in which the men will be taught how to salute, to present arms and carry out other military orders.

Later the preliminary training will be replaced by instructions in the school of squad which will necessitate the dividing of the men into groups of eight, with a corporal in charge. He will be a man of military experience, perhaps a graduate of a military school, or a man who has seen service in the National Guard or the regular army. In addition to these instructions the men will practice rifle shooting.

In addition to these instructions and outdoor exercises the men will be required to attend the evening school for at least two hours every night. Books on drill regulations will be the textbook for those instructions. The men will be taught the care of a rifle, the various military units and interior guard duty.

A number of young men from the Cape have joined the training camp forces. Several others are awaiting a call to report to the camp in a few days. The required number of 2500 had not been reached yet yesterday, but a constant stream of young men was pouring into the camp with the arrival of every train. Nearly 1800 men had reported yesterday morning for the first day's training. Further orders will be issued in a few days directing the men to report to the camp immediately.

## WOMAN PATIENT OF DR YOUNG IS DEAD

**Mrs. India Trovillion Expired Yesterday Morning—To be Buried This Afternoon.**

Mrs. India Trovillion, who was recently treated by J. H. Young, now awaiting a trial in the county jail on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, died yesterday morning at her home in the Red Star Addition after an illness of several years. The funeral will be held this afternoon at the Fairmount Cemetery. Preceding the burial funeral services will be held at the Baptist Church by Rev. Scruggs.

Mrs. Trovillion, who had been ailing for nearly two years, was treated by Young for almost two weeks, after Young had guaranteed to cure her of a chronic disease. The youngest son of Mrs. Trovillion caused the arrest of Young and his secretary, Fred Sherman, on a charge of swindling him of \$100 for which he guaranteed to cure his mother.

Mrs. Trovillion was almost 59 years old. She was the wife of William Trovillion, an employee of the shoe factory. Besides her husband she leaves four sons, Clarence, Henson, Oval and Rue, and three daughters, all of whom are married. The latter are: Mrs. Elsie Allison of Bostrop, La.; Mrs. Nettie Holst of Poplar Bluff and Mrs. Clara Atkinson of Morehouse.